



**Bulletin #2013-002     12 – December - 2012**

**Subject:**

Miscellaneous rule changes

**Overview:**

Effective 1/1/2013, the following rule changes are made.

1. Replace Article 6.4.A.26 with the following:
  26. Roll cage padding: Any portion of the roll cage which could come into contact with the driver or co-driver's helmet during competition, including all bars in the plane of the roof and forward of the main hoop, shall be covered with energy absorbing material compliant with either the SFI 45.1 specification or FIA Standard 8857-2001 Type A.

Rationale: Recent history has shown that any bar in this area of the roll cage is capable of being deformed enough to make contact with a competitor's helmet.

2. Add the following as Article 10.2.A.6.f:
  - f. In an AWD vehicle with no central differential, a rear drive disconnect device mounted on or controlling the drive shaft is permitted. The disconnecting of the rear final drive must be controlled only by the driver via motion of the handbrake, either by hydraulic control or an electrically-activated hydraulic control.

Rationale: This rule change reflects the evolution of Open Class vehicles.

3. Remove Article 10.2.B.30

Rationale: In CARS Bulletin 2012-05, changes are made to the CARS vehicle preparation rules which allow for body structure modifications and include no minimum weight in the new Production 2WD class. These changes are not consistent with Rally America rules philosophy for Production Category and would have a serious, adverse effect on the Rally America B-Spec Championship.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.